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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 20, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1, 4-8, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64, 68, and 72. This election is made without traverse.

Prompt and favorable examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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